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1. MISSION AUTHORIZED AGREE TO FUNDING TRADE POLICY COURSE FOR LDC OFFICIALS FROM 1973 SURPLUS. RECORD SHOULD HOWEVER REFLECT FACT THAT US CONSIDERS THAT 1974 EXPENDITURE SHOULD BE FUNDED FROM 1974 INCOME. US AGREEMENT TO USE OF 1973 SURPLUS IS BASED ONLY ON DESIRE TO AVOID OBSTRUCTING CONSENSUS.

2. FINANCING RENOVATION EXPENDITURE DIRECTLY FROM FUTURE BUDGETS RATHER THAN FROM LOAN DOES NOT SEEM TO BE QUOTE SAME METHOD UNQUOTE (PARA 3 REFTL) AS THAT PROPOSED FOR TRADE POLICY COURSE, BUT ESTABLISHMENT OF BUILDING FUND
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FROM 1973 SURPLUS WOULD BE SAME AND WE WOULD OBJECT ON

SAME GROUNDS. WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO KEEP 1974 RENOVATION PAYMENTS AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THESE BE MET BY SAVINGS WITHIN 1974 BUDGET AND/OR

BY UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE ITEM IN 1974 BUDGET. 1975 AND FUTURE RENOVATION PAYMENTS COULD THEN BE INCORPORATED INTO 1975 AND SUBSEQUENT BUDGETS. YOU SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT FOR THIS SOLUTION.

3. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR USING PART

OF 1973 SURPLUS O PAY 1974 RENOVATION EXPENDITURES YOU MAY AGAIN ON CONDITION THAT RECORD SHOW CLEARLY THAT US STRONGLY FAVORS MEETING EXPENSES IN A GIVEN YEAR ONLY FROM THAT YEAR'S INCOME, NOT FROM FORTUITOUS SURPLUS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

4. WE BELIEVE SINCERE AND WELL FOUNDED US OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSALS FOR TREATING PRIOR YEAR'S SURPLUS AS WINDFALL CAN BE VOICED WITHOUT GIVING IMPRESSION US OPPOSES SPECIFIC USES PROPOSED FOR FUNDS. IN PARTICULAR WE SUPPORT COURSE FOR LDC OFFICIALS. WE ARE ONLY TRYING TO AVOID LETTING TOTAL 1974 PROGRAM GO BEYOND TOTAL FUNDING LEVEL AGREED TO IN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR GOING BEYOND AGREED TOTAL PROGRAM WOULD BE REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS. IN OUR VIEW PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING FROM PRIOR YEAR'S SURPLUS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS CLOSELY AS WOULD REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND SHOULD BE REJECTED EXCEPT IN CASE OF DIRE NEED. RUSH

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